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## CONTRACT LET FOR FIRE AND JAIL BLDG.

At a meeting of the City Council Monday night bids for the construction of a new combination fire department and jail building were opened and contract for the work awarded.

Ed Pierce, a local contractor, was the successful bidder. His bid was \$3775 for the complete job, except that the city is to furnish the steel for the jail and do the painting.

The building will be located on city property just east of the foot of the court house steps. It is to be two story, composed of concrete and brick. The lower floor will be used to house the fire engine, two jail cells and an office for the fire chief. On the second floor will be five living rooms and bath. Over all the structure will be 32x34 feet, with an attractively designed front. The work must be completed with sixty working days.

"Will the waist line disappear from women's clothes?" worries a fashion writer. We don't care a hoot. What is worrying us is the fact that if things keep on disappearing from women's clothes, there will be nothing but the waist line left.

Supplemental reports filed show the Republican national campaign fund totaled \$2,012,535 and the Democratic national campaign fund totaled \$1,310,729 at the close of business Oct. 30.

The village of Sedalia, in Graves county, with 250 population, has filed incorporation papers as a 6th class city.

Grape juice in 25c and 50c bottles at Bonduant's.

## CASE SELLS GARAGE TO J. C. HENDRIX & SON.

F. M. Case has sold his garage and machine shop to J. C. Hendrix & Son, the latter taking charge Friday morning. Mr. Case in the three years he has been in this business has built up a nice trade, but has been offered a very attractive proposition by the Paige Motor Co., of Detroit, and he will probably accept a position with them early next year.

Hendrix & Son are local agents for the Ford and will combine the agency business with the garage business. Mr. Case will be with them for awhile and look after the mechanical end of the business. They expect to keep one or two experts employed and will do automobile repair work of all kinds, as heretofore done at this place.

## UNSECURED RUSSIAN LOAN.

A syndicate of bankers has concluded negotiations for an unsecured loan of \$50,000,000 to the Russian government. This is the first unsecured loan to be placed in the United States by the Russian government.

The loan will run for five years and carry interest of 5½ per cent a year.

John Weatherly returned Monday from Bardwell where he has just finished a plastering job on the new school building at that place.

A. A. McCarry, wife and Misses Gertrude and Amanda Fethe motored to Fancy Farm Sunday.

Charles Werner, Chris Ledwidge and wife motored to Union City Thursday.

## TWO MINDS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT



## THE PINK BOLL WORM NOW IN AMERICA.

The pink boll worm, most destructive cotton pest known, has appeared for the first time in North America. The Department of Agriculture announced Saturday that worms had been discovered in Northern Mexico, where their presence, the department says in an official announcement, "constitutes one of the greatest menaces which has come to the American industry in its history." Imports from Mexico of cotton seed, cotton seed hulls and seed cotton is prohibited under an order issued late Saturday.

Officials of the department were unable to explain how the pink boll worm happened to be imported to North America. It is presumed, however, that the pest came in seed imported to Mexico from abroad.

Discovery of the worm was announced in the following statement:

"The pink boll worm, the most destructive of known pests of cotton, has been discovered in the Laguna district, Coahuila, Mexico within 200 miles of the Texas border."

## A YEAR OF SHORT CROPS.

Crops are small this year as compared with last, taking the country over. The total production of wheat this year is estimated at 611,000,000 bushels against 1,012,000,000 last year, and a ten year average of 738,000,000. Corn makes a somewhat better showing, with an estimated yield this year of 2,710,000,000 bushels against 3,055,000,000 last year, and a 10 year average of 2,732,000,000. Barley falls off 53,000,000 bushels; rye more than 7,000,000; Irish potatoes 41,000,000 bushels, and sweet potatoes 5,000,000 bushels. The apple crop is 9,000,000 barrels smaller than last year.

On the other hand, the tobacco crop is larger than last year's by 63,000,000 pounds, and the cotton crop by 600,000 bales. The rice crop is larger by nearly 4,000,000 bushels, and the hay crop by a million tons. All of these crops are above the ten-year average except cotton, which is 2,500,000 bales short.

Summing up, it may be said that hay is the single important exception to small yield of food and feed crops. The farmer who has to buy bread himself or grain for his live stock within the next twelve months is going to have to pay good prices for it.

B. Moore and wife returned Sunday from a three week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. John Smotherman, of near Blytheville, Ark.

Ever notice that the less hair a man has on his head the more time he spends in the barber shop getting it trimmed?

Mrs. C. F. Baltzer, of Clarkdale, Miss., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Fuqua, and other relatives.

Tom Moore and wife were called to Fulton Monday to attend the bedside of his sister.

## GUARD AGAINST FIRES AND CARRY INSURANCE.

Every citizen of Hickman—and farmers, too—we believe, should carry fire insurance on his buildings, but he should not stop there. He should use every care to guard against fires. Before cold weather comes every stove pipe, flue, chimney and fireplace should be examined to see that it is safe. Matches should be kept out of the reach of children and rats. Open lights should be kept out of the barn and smoking there strictly forbidden by all persons. Gasoline should be stored away from buildings. Screens should be provided for open fireplaces where children stay or where sparks are likely to fly out. A bucket of water should be kept handy if there is no water supply, and a chemical fire extinguisher purchased and hung up for convenient use.

A little precaution is better than a big fire.

And, this is fire season, you know.

## PAY DAY.

November first is always pay day for my notes, accounts, etc., and I am sorry to say some have overlooked notes and accounts due us. I have to collect to be able to meet my own obligations and am going to ask you to come forward at once and pay your notes and accounts, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for suit. With all farm products bringing the prices they are now, no one should ask for extension.—S. L. DODDS.

## CUT OUT PASSES.

New Year's day will bring a great many district and town officials of Kentucky to a decision whether they shall sacrifice the privilege of riding free on the railroads on the altar of public service or abandon that service at discretion.

Attorney General Logan said he is of the opinion that the law clearly includes all these minor officials, and though many, if not most of them, are serving in unsalaried capacities, they cannot avail themselves of their privileges as railroad employees to ride on passes without incurring the penalty for violating the law.

With more than the usual number of farmers coming to Hickman this fall to market their products and do their trading, the lack of hitch-racks proves to be a great inconvenience to them. We are told there are some vacant lots in West Hickman that might be used for hitching purposes, if the city would provide the posts. This should be done, by all means.

Mrs. E. Dobson returned Friday from a visit with her parents at Franklin, Tenn.

Our prescription case is the best equipped in town.—Hickman Drug Co.

Miss Sara Mullins, of Wingo, visited Hickman friends last week.

## TIME IS GROWING SHORT ON 5000 VOTE OFFER.

Our automobile contestants will please remember that after Wednesday the 15th, we will discontinue giving 5,000 votes for each new subscriber to the Courier. While money is plentiful and subscription getting easy, now is the time to gain headway in this contest. Some young lady is going to drive out a new car as a result of this contest—as well as receiving other valuable prizes—and the extra votes gotten now may be a determining factor in the final result. If you are not willing to do a little work yourself—you certainly cannot expect your friends to do it all—and the easiest and quickest way we know of to get votes is to ask friends to subscribe for this paper. Remember, too, that renewals pull down 200 votes for each dollar if brought in on Wednesday or Saturday.

## LITTLE TOT BREAKS ARM.

Little Freddie, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Case, broke his left arm Friday afternoon, while playing on a pile of sacks containing cotton seed at the depot. In short, he fell from the pile, with the weight of his body on his arm. Doctors McPheeters and Curlin rendered medical assistance, and the little fellow is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

We notice some Hickman merchants are resuming the old practice giving "lagniappes," which for years has been supplanted by trading stamps and premium schemes. The old plan doubtless brings quickest results.

Charles Werner and daughter, Gertrude, Mary Ledwidge, Chris Ledwidge and wife motored to Wingo last Wednesday and attended Jeff Campbell's funeral.

Kent Harper, who has been at work in Detroit, has returned to the good, old home town.

H. C. Helm went to Memphis Sunday to see his mother.

All kinds of the latest Lunch Goods at Betterworth.

## MENGEL BOX CO. GIVES EMPLOYEES MORE WAGES.

Several hundred employees of the Hickman branch of the Mengel Box Co. were very pleasantly surprised Saturday morning when their pay envelopes contained an extra five per cent, representing an unsolicited raise in wages of that amount. In addition to extra money, the "boys" were also tendered another little act of kindness, which they certainly appreciate; viz, that the company would furnish them coal at cost, which will mean a big saving. As a matter of fact, the coal situation has been such that local dealers were hard pressed in supplying the trade, and Mengel merely comes to the rescue of its employees.

Both Col. Claude Walker and Frank Von Borries, the heads of the local branch, are delighted in being able to give their men an increase in wages and the advantage of coal at cost. While none of them have ever asked for more wages, the branch managers felt that the high cost of living warranted an increase in wages—and proceeded with the Mengel policy of doing the right thing at the right time. While we are not at liberty to give any exact figures, we will state that this raise in wages will amount to many thousands of dollars per year.

## INMANN BREAKS LEG. FELL FROM SCAFFOLD.

Elmo Inmann, local carpenter, fell from a scaffold about 11 o'clock Monday morning and shattered the bone in his left ankle. The fall resulted from stepping on end of a loose plank, but the scaffold was not high.

The accident occurred at the new residence being erected by Stoker & Son for Mrs. Bynum Parham.

Dr. J. W. Hubbard gave the injured man attention, and thinks it will be some time before he is able to walk again.

John and Charles Lattus were visitors at Horn Beak Sunday.

We recheck all prescriptions and prevent mistakes.—Hickman Drug Co.



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